THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Fruit & vegetables are supplied to the concessionaire of booths under a commercial agreement entered into by them. As per the system, the concessionaire raises indent specifying items and the quantities they require. The produce/products are supplied as per the demand raised by them through their indent.

Dairy and Mushroom-Cultivation Schemes for Tribal Women

†4663. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that schemes for production of dairy products and mushroom in the cooperative sector have been implemented in priority basis, for the welfare of women in Hilly States and in tribal areas; and

(b) if so, whether these schemes have been extended to the newly created State of Uttaranchal also, if so, the funds provided to the State as Centre's share under these Heads during 2001-2002; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying does not have any specific scheme for women. However, the Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Dairy Development Project in Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas' in various States and Union Territories. The scheme envisages implementation of dairy projects by the cooperatives where women are also eligible to be members.

The Department of Women and Child Development is also implementing some projects for women on dairy and mushroom cultivation. That Department had approved one dairy project for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Uttaranchal with a total Government of India share of Rs.132.36 lakh for a period of three years and an amount of Rs. 38.61 lakh was released during 2001-02.

Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation had also sanctioned a Central Sector Scheme on Integrated Development of Horticulture in Tribal/Hilly Areas on pilot basis to be implemented through State Designated Agencies nominated by the respective State Governments. The projects included all required intervention including development of mushroom depending on the needs of the district. Under the scheme women farmers are also eligible to become beneficiaries. That Department had released Rs. 178.80 lakh to the Designated Agency in Uttaranchal during 2001-02.

Assistance to Orissa for Natural Calamities

4664. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been perennial loss of life and property during floods, drought and other types of natural calamities in Orissa;

(b) if so, what guidance or assistance has been provided so far, by the Centre to the State to foresee, forewarn and guide the public and to control recurrence of such incidents; and

(c) how much additional financial assistance of funds have been allocated over and above the normal allocation, for the purpose to the State, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Natural calamities in Orissa do cause damage to life and property of varying magnitude depending upon the intensity of the calamity.

(b) The primary responsibility for taking necessary action is that of the State Government. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government with financial and logistic support.